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SUBJ: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR ALTAF
SHAIKH

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1. ALTAF AHMED SHAIKH, BORN IN PUNJAB IN 1925, GRADUATED FROM GOVERNMENT COLLEGE AND PUNJAB UNIVERSITY, LAHORE. HE ENTERED FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1948. ASSIGNMENTS AS FOLLOWS: ANKARA 1949-52 THIRD SECRETARY; MFA 1952-1953 OFFICER ON SPECIAL DUTY; STOCKHOLM 1953-1956 SECOND SECRETARY; CALCUTTA 1956-1958 SECOND SECRETARY; BONN 1958-1960 FIRST SECRETARY; MESHED 1960-1962 CONSUL; MFA 1962-1965 DIRECTOR FOR INDIA AND NEPAL; PARIS 1965-1966 COUNSELOR; DAMASCUS 1966-1970 AMBASSADOR; COLOMBO 1970-1972 HIGH COMMISSIONER; MFA 1972-1974 ADDITIONAL FONSEC (POLITICAL). MR. SHAIKH WAS PAKISTAN'S FIRST DIPLOMATIC OFFICER TO BE POSTED TO ANKARA, WHERE HE OPENED PAKISTAN'S EMBASSY IN 1949. IN MOST RECENT POSITION OF ADDITIONAL FONSEC, HE WAS THIRD RANKING OFFICER IN MINISTRY.

2. SHAIKH IS HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL, ARTICULATE AND APPROACHABLE. AT MFA HE HAS BEEN A PRINCIPAL POINT OF CONTACT BETWEEN EMBASSY AND MINISTRY. EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE FOUND HIM ACCOMMODATING, BUSINESSLIKE AND FRIENDLY, GENERALLY FORTHCOMING BUT WITH CERTAIN
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CAUTION IN DISCUSSING SENSITIVE MATTERS. HE AND HIS

WIFE, WHO IS MEMBER OF WEALTHY PROMINENT LANDLORD
FAMILY, ARE SOCIABLE AND AGREEABLE GUESTS OR HOSTS.
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